



Inspection Report

QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY

Customer ID: 46

Certificate: 16-R-0026

Site: 001

(b)(2)High, (b)(7)f

MT. CARMEL AVENUE

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

HAMDEN, CT 06518

Date: Oct-01-2008

There were no non-compliant items identified during the inspection. Registrant was in compliance with AWA Regulations and Standards at the time of the inspection.

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This was a focused inspection based on the non-compliant items that were identified during the last inspection. Registrant had successfully corrected all of the non-compliant items and was found to be in compliance with AWA Regulations and Standards at the time of the focused inspection.

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2.31 (d) (4)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

2.31 (d) (4) - "IACUC review of activities involving animals. (4) The IACUC shall notify principal investigators and the research facility in writing of its decision to approve or withhold approval of those activities related to the care and use of animals."

1. There was no documentation available for review that the IACUC is notifying the Principal Investigators in writing of its decision following the conduction of the annual continuing review of animal use activities as required by this Section of the Regulations. Correct from this date forward.

2.31 (e) (3)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

2.31 (e) - "A proposal to conduct an activity involving animals, or to make a significant change in an ongoing activity involving animals, must contain the following: (3) A complete description of the proposed use of the animals."

1. Review of Protocol #AB:

a. The protocol states that Rabbits will be immunized using Complete Freund's Adjuvant (CFA) and will be boosted 3-4 weeks later using Incomplete Freund's Adjuvant (ICFA). The records of Rabbit #4 and #5 were reviewed at the time of the inspection. According to the records, CFA was administered on 1/29/08 and then ICFA was administered 2 weeks later on 2/12/08.

2. Review of Protocol #22:

a. The protocol states that blood will be drawn from the Rabbits but the volume of blood to be drawn and the frequency of blood draws are not specified.

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A proposal for animal use must contain a complete description of the proposed use of the animals. The IACUC needs to address the issues identified for these two protocols. Correct by 4/1/08.

2.31 (e) (5)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

2.31 (e) (5) - "A proposal to conduct an activity involving animals, or to make a significant change in an ongoing activity involving animals, must contain the following: (5) A description of any euthanasia method to be used."

1. Review of Protocol #17:

a. There is no method of euthanasia specified for the Gerbils as required per this Section of the Regulations. The IACUC needs to address this issue for this protocol. Correct by 4/1/08.

2.33 (b) (5)

ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE.

2.33 (b) (5) - "Each research facility shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include: (5) Adequate pre-procedural and post-procedural care in accordance with current established veterinary medical and nursing procedures."

1. Protocol #AB states that Rabbits will be checked daily following the injection of Complete Freund's Adjuvant (CFA). The medical records of Rabbit #4 and #5 were reviewed. The Rabbits were injected with CFA on 1/29/08. There was no documentation available for review that the Rabbits were checked daily following the injection of CFA as specified in the approved protocol.

Research facilities are required to provide adequate post-procedural care to maintain the health of the animals. Correct from this date forward.

3.25 (c)

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

3.25 (c) - "Food supplies shall be stored in containers with tightly fitting lids or covers."

1. There were opened plastic bags containing enrichment food treats (fruit bits, vitamin blocks, and cereal) that were not being stored in containers with a tightly fitting lid or cover as required by this Section of the Regulations. Correct by 2/26/08.

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3.31 (b)

SANITATION.

3.31 (b) - "Housekeeping. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean.....to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart."

1. The following Housekeeping items were identified in the (b)(2)High, (b)(7)f

- There was a thick film of dust present on the top of the racks of cages.
- There was a cardboard box containing nestlets that was being stored on the floor.

2. Clean enclosures were being stored on the counter adjacent to the sink in the (b)(2)High, (b)(7)f The inspector observed personnel using the sink to clean dirty Rabbit enclosures during the inspection.

Premises should be kept clean to facilitate prescribed husbandry practices and to protect the animals' health. Correct by 2/26/08.

3.56 (b) (3)

SANITATION.

3.56 (b) (3) - "Sanitization of primary enclosures. (3) Primary enclosures for rabbits shall be sanitized by washing them with hot water (180 ?F.) and soap or detergent as in a mechanical cage washer, or by washing all soiled surfaces with a detergent solution followed by a safe and effective disinfectant, or by cleaning all soiled surfaces with live steam or flame."

- The inspector observed an employee cleaning 2 dirty Rabbit enclosures during the inspection. The cages were washed using Quatricide and Urid. The Quatricide was rinsed off after a few minutes of contact with the cleaned surfaces. The label on the Quatricide states that the contact time for effective disinfection is 10 minutes.
- The inspector checked the 2 Rabbit enclosures after they had been cleaned. There was dried, white residue present on surfaces of both enclosures and one of the enclosures had some dried, dark material present on the floor.

The cleaning process used for the Rabbit cages was inadequate for achieving sanitization as required per this Section of the Regulations. Adequate sanitization of dirty enclosures is important to maintaining the health of the Rabbits. Correct from this date forward.

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3.56 (c)

SANITATION.

3.56 (c) - "Housekeeping. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart."

1. The following Housekeeping items were identified in the Rabbit Room during the inspection.
 - a. There was a thick film of dust present on the top of the racks of enclosures.
 - b. Some of the tops of cleaned enclosures were noted to be dirty and had a dried residue present.
 - c. There was an accumulation of hair and dust present in between the Rabbit enclosures.
 - d. There was dark, dried residue present on the front edges of the racks underneath the Rabbit enclosures that could be easily scraped off using a pen.
2. The following Housekeeping items were noted in the (b)(2)High, (b)(7)f during the inspection.
 - a. There was a broken light fixture cover noted above the cage washer.
 - b. The ceiling vents were noted to be dirty.
 - c. The light fixture cover in the small storage area in the back of the (b)(2)High, (b)(7)f was not secured closed and was hanging down.
 - d. Several areas of the floor were noted to be dirty and had particulate material and dried residue present.
 - e. There was an accumulation of dust and cobwebs on the drain pipes under the sink.
 - f. The small storage area in the back of the (b)(2)High, (b)(7)f was generally cluttered and some dirty items were noted on the shelves.

Premises should be kept clean to facilitate prescribed husbandry practices and to protect the animals' health. Correct by 2/26/08.

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